

SUMMIT MILLS, PA., Sept. 24th, 1894.

On Monday evening the 17th inst., our pastor, J. H. Knepper, commenced preaching at this place—to continue every evening during the week, and to close on Sunday evening with a communion service. On Tuesday, Wednesday and part of Thursday we had a continuous rain—that was very much needed—and for which we thank the Lord. But the nights were dark and the roads were muddy, so that weather Christians would scarcely venture out. However we had very excellent good meetings every evening, and the Spirit of the Lord came upon both saints and sinners and on Sunday two more were added to the church by baptism, making seven additions by baptism during the last year. The attendance at the communion service was perhaps the largest we have ever had, and many said, and on doubt all felt, that it was good to be there. We have very good reasons to feel encouraged—at this time for the future prospects of the Brethren church at Summit Mills, although our growth numerically has been, and will continue to be slow for some time to come, on account of the place being small and there being three other denominations well represented here, while they are all doing their best to hold their own, and if possible make some advancement, so that nearly all the people of this community are members of the different churches. In business it is said that opposition is the life of trade, and we have found by experience that it is no less true in religion. Men and women who were very little concerned about church work have been brought out to Sunday school since we have four schools in our little village, of a population of 130, and they have all found some work to do for the Master. It is certain that the Lord has a work for every one to do. But it is equally true that many professed Christians aspire after a higher grade of church work than what they are fitted for, and if they cannot get positions such as they want they are mad, if they cannot be bell sheep they will be no sheep at all; this is a great error that some people make, and in some instances it has no doubt been a hinderance to the best interests of the church. We are never as able to judge of our own capacities as workers for the welfare of Zion as those are with whom we are engaged in work. Hence, it should always be for others to say and determine what place you or I should hold in the Sunday school or church and no doubt the Lord's blessing will be more freely given to the humble worker who is satisfied to do the best he can with whatever work that may be given him, and if it is only being a door-keeper in the house of the Lord, or to sit down and occupy a seat during church or Sunday school services. But my report of the good meetings we have had is getting too long and therefore will close by asking God's grace and mercy to abide with us and all his people now henceforth and forever more.

JOHN A. MILLER.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

Inasmuch as we were visited by a drought again and had only one-third of a crop last year and no small grain worth speaking of, neither this year nor last. Only a very few fields on the creek bottoms were harvested that paid, vegetables are comparatively few; a few fields of corn will produce fodder, but not of great length.

We have not near enough for our stock. People are driving out herds of cattle to the Sand Hills. People are compelled to sell stock very low. Quite a few have scarcely anything to eat save what is given them by neighboring friends.

Merchants are compelled to sell goods for cash in order to save themselves. Some are aided by the county and a great many more will have to be before we raise another crop. We therefore deem it not out of place to ask you as a church to help us support our worthy pastor, J. R. Keller, whose salary is \$500 and house rent, \$100, costing \$600 per year. This church has agreed with Brother Keller that he may fill appointments or call for protracted meetings and thereby be aided. We are willing to do all we can to keep him in the west, for we think he is the man we so much need.

We are all poor, have our farms mortgaged and quite a few have no farms. We number about forty-five but are scattered; about ten of us do the paying. A few pay \$5, one \$75, some \$50 and a few less. I verily believe there are some members in eastern churches who are able to help us to advance the cause of Christ. There is a field open to do a great work in our neighborhood. We think a great work can be done and undoubtedly will be done provided we can keep him here. Can you not give us a monthly or quarterly donation?

I believe if each member of the churches, would sacrifice more the prosperity of the church would be astonishing; it is our duty to sacrifice to the Lord. I hope and trust you will pray over the matter and be blessed by him who knows all our wants and wishes.

We know God loves a cheerful giver; then let us do with our might what our hands find to do. We will send the same appeal to some of the wealthier churches in the east. Please let us know what you can do for us as soon as possible, as Brother Keller would like to know whether he can be supported here or whether he shall look for another field of labor.

If you prefer sending it right away it will be thankfully received. When Brother Keller's time is up we then owe him \$115 minus what we pay weekly from now to the end of the pastoral year. Send all moneys to B. F. Seibert, our treasurer.

ISRAEL BAER, deacon.

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